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PLAYTIME HATS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Beret

The beret, a variation of the tam, is a satisfactory style of head gear for a little child. It is comfortable, easily adjusted and modish in appearance. Little material is required, and construction is simple so that any mother can make one quickly at a nominal cost.

Cotton suede to match an outdoor play suit makes a trig beret, but any soft woolen fabric which allows fullness to be shrunken out will do. The mother who wishes to economize will find that a beret may often be cut advantageously from scraps of material or even from an old dress or coat. If new materials are purchased $1\frac{1}{2}$ yard of woolen fabric and $1\frac{1}{4}$ yard of lining are sufficient.

The 4 sections of the beret are cut by a pattern made according to the attached diagram. Line AB marks the lengthwise thread of the material. Stitch sections together with $\frac{3}{8}$ inch seams which should be pressed open as they are made. Gather the edge of the head opening and baste evenly, right sides together, to a bias fold cut $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide and long enough to go around the head. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from edge. Press and shrink in all fullness taking care not to form pleats. From the right side, fold over the bias and stitch into position with seed stitches hidden in the seam line. Cut lining by the same pattern. Take two $\frac{3}{4}$ inch darts about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long in each Section. Turn under the edge of the lining, match seams and slip stitch it in place to the beret.

The little stem for the top is made by turning in both edges of a narrow strip of material and over handing them together inconspicuously. It may be stitched in at the center of the crown as the sections are joined.

Shower Hat

A protective hat for rainy days is cut with a brim that sheds water safely over the collar line. It may be made from shower-proofed cotton to match a playsuit, cravanetted materials, or rubberized fabrics that stitch easily without breaks.

The well fitting crown is made with 6 sections cut according to the attached diagram. Join the sections for each half of the crown by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams and make one long seam the full length of the crown to bring the two halves together. Cut the double brim on the bias of the material and draw in the seams at the back. Lay the right sides of the brim together and take $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam along the outer edges. Trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, turn, pick the seam out neatly with a pin, baste, and press. Rows of machine stitching about $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch apart help to stiffen the brim which is then joined to the crown with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam.

This hat was designed for a 20 inch head size but it is easily adjusted by altering seam allowances.



